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Re: Suggested clarification wording for Rule 8.4(g) of Rules of Professional Conduct (Case AF 09-0688)

Honorable Members of the Montana Supreme Court,

To ensure harmony within the existing context of Sections 8 and 17 of the Preamble: A Lawyer's Responsibility to the Montana Rules of Professional Conduct and to continue to protect the practice of law in accordance with each attorney's personal conscience and belief, please consider adding the following wording (which is taken from Sections 8 and 17 of the Preamble) to the proposed Rule 8.4(g) rule change:

"No charge of harassment or discrimination against any of these classes shall cause any attorney to violate their personal conscience by which they are guided, and no charge shall exhaust the moral and ethical considerations that should inform a lawyer."

Thank you very much for your consideration of this proposal.

Sincerely,

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